

Harrison's Florist
115 North Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-23
c1795-1800

The Harrison's Florist building has Flemish bond brick, keystone lintels and carved cornice similiar to both adjacent buildings (T-22 and T-24); it is four bays in width. Two elaborate Federal mantles with shallow carved decoration remain in the formal second floor rooms.

Between Harrison's Florist and its neighbors is a walkway covered with a brick barrel vault which carries the weight of the chimneys above. An efficient means of providing access to the rear of the building, this device is also in the row of Federal period buildings at Six to Ten North Washington Street (T-35, T-36, T-403).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

T-23

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Harrison's Florist

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

113-115 North Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Carroll P. and Karen Harrison

Telephone #: 301-322-1128

STREET & NUMBER

113-115 North Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 484

Folio #: 573

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Town of Easton Survey by Paul Brinkman

DATE

August 28, 1967

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

T-23

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This structure, probably built as a dwelling house and store, stands on the west side of North Washington Street; it is one of row of Federal structures which remain in Easton's commercial district.

This is a four bay brick building, two-and-a-half stories in height. It is covered with a gable roof with two dormers in each roof slope. Two double chimneys at the south gable end have corbelled caps and are connected by a brick curtain. Brick roof curtains rise above the gable-end bearing walls and visually separate this building from its neighbors.

The Flemish bond brick of the front facade was laid with great skill; the narrow mortar joints are tooled into a bead. The bricks themselves are deep red in color and perfectly formed.

Windows are evenly spaced on the second floor. The openings are topped with stone double keystone arches, tooled in an elegant pattern of flutings and reedings. Frames trimmed with a bead and quarter-round back bond, hold six over six sashes.

Decorated gable dormers similiar to those at 119 North Washington, (T-24), the Perrin Smith House show typical Federal detailing, especially in the fluted pilasters topped with a sunburst and the round-headed upper sashes. There is a cornice and return; beneath the cornice is a line of wood molding carved in an elaborate chain pattern.

The roof cornice, identical to that on the two adjacent structures and other of Easton's Federal buildings, has intricate carved wooden chain motif in the position of the bed moldings. It terminates in carved stone blocks.

On the first floor a twentieth century store front has replaced the original facade. A bracketed cornice surmounts a twenty-four-pane store window. There are entrance doors in the end bays. The first floor store has an attractive tin ceiling.

The second and third floors have not suffered the alterations that have resulted in the removal of Federal details from the ground floor. Two Federal style mantles in the formal second floor rooms: each has a rectangular opening flanked by reeded pilasters and a frieze decorated with shallow carving in a star and chain motif. Doors frames are trimmed with narrow composite moldings. Three-part chairrails are used in major rooms.

On the third floor no mantles remain, but other detailing; chairrails, doors, and trim exist. The deep barrel vaults of the dormers fronting on Washington Street are used in several Federal buildings of the town. Wide random width yellow pine floors are used throughout.

To the rear of the front portion of the house is a two story brick ell. Now used as an apartment upstairs and workrooms on the first floor, this ell appears to be contemporary with the main portion of the house. On the second floor, there is a simple Federal type mantle and contemporary woodwork.

The building is well-maintained. Despite modern alterations, it's late eighteenth century character remains.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

c 1795

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Joseph Haskins

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building, significant for its architecture, is one of the earliest remaining buildings in the town of Easton. The legislation permanently locating Maryland's "Little Capitol" in Easton was passed in 1789. The town was surveyed in 1786 and by the 1790's, fine brick buildings began to appear along Washington Street. Dwelling houses and stores were needed for the merchants, lawyers, and tradespeople. This structure is one of these. The elegant detail speaks of the prosperity of its owner and the skill of its craftsmen.

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L177/F419

L113/F259

L95/F393

L60/F245

L62/F185

L46/F345

This property, on the ground floor, is operated as Harrison's Flowers and is presently owned by Carroll P. Harrison and his wife Karen, who bought it from Edward B. Watkins in 1974. The Watkins had taken title to it in 1935, when they paid John and Mary Cosden \$6000.00 for the three story brick house and store. John Cosden had set up a partnership with Robert Shaw as "Shore Sales Company". This company had bought the store property in 1922 from the Shannahan and Wrightson Hardware Co., but dissolved their partnership and the property remained solely in the possession of Cosden. Willard Townsend had bought the store and dwelling in 1913. His attempt to run the Townsend Automobile Co. failed and the hardware company picked it up. Townsend had paid \$10,000.00 to William and Walter Elliott in 1913 who had bought it in 1902 from Alvin Miller and his wife Susan. In 1890, Alvin Miller, already occupying the store, bought the property from Edgar Hulse who had previously paid \$3500.00 for it, in 1883, to Joseph Rasin and his wife Sarah. Joseph Rasin bought out the heirs of Peregrine Groome in 1871.

Peregrine Groome, a son of Samuel who built the "Easton Hotel" or the old Brick Hotel, bought this for his home in 1847 and 1849 from the heirs of William Clark. Mr. Clark and his family had lived here since 1826, when he acquired the property from Nicholas Hammond and Joseph Haskins. This deed states that Haskins had leased the property from Owen Kennard and James Earle Jr. in 1798. The store and dwelling dates from this time.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	<u>None</u>	COUNTY	
STATE		COUNTY	<u>1</u>

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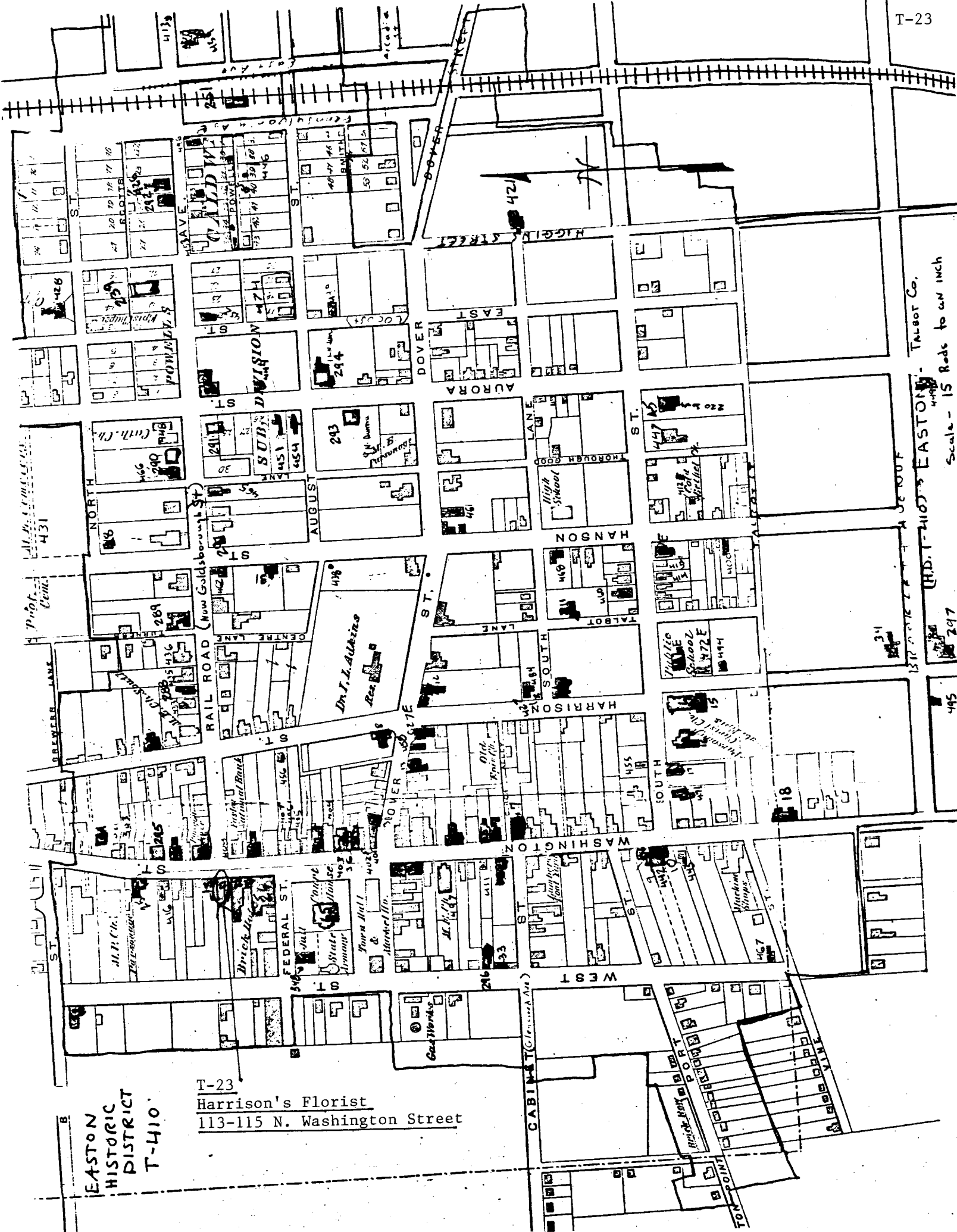
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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<p>1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Talbot T-23 TOWN Easton VICINITY STREET NO. 113-115 Washington St.</p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER --- ORIGINAL USE Rowhouse PRESENT OWNER --- PRESENT USE Store WALL CONSTRUCTION Flemish Bond Brick NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY</p> <p>2. NAME ----- T-23 DATE OR PERIOD c. 1810 STYLE Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>	
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION</p> <p style="text-align: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC NO</p> <p>Like its neighbors, this structure was once an attractive home, now it is a commercial building. The storefront along the ground floor however is much more harmonious than are the others. It has an attractive awning and an old look. The building is four bays wide and the second storey windows are 6/6 sashes with sills, molded frames, and flat white arches with double keystones. The two 9/6 round-arched dormers on the roof are framed by pilasters with Adam-type sunburst designs. Their pediments are framed with molding and with a carved chain design which is repeated in the cornice along the front roof line. The building shares its chimneys with the adjoining row houses.</p> <p>As part of a row of fine Federal homes this one is in rather good condition. Although it appears to need some repairs, it has not sacrificed its character to the twentieth century.</p>		<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior Very Good</p>	
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p>3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>		<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p> <p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paul Alan Brinkman</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD August 28 1967</p>	



EASTON
HISTORIC
DISTRICT
T-410

T-23
Harrison's Florist
113-115 N. Washington Street

Talbot Co.
Scale - 15 Rods to an inch

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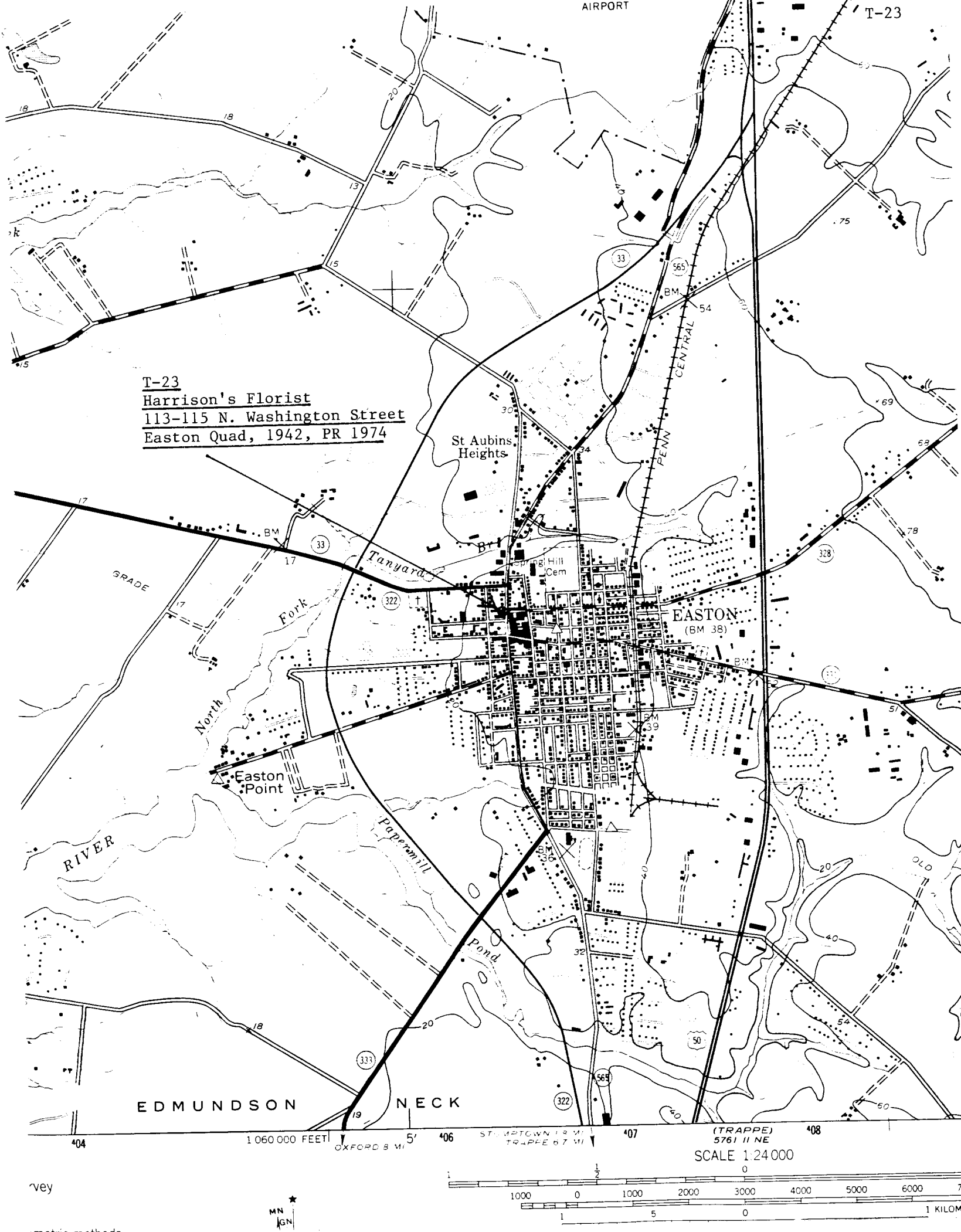
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T-23
Harrison's Florist
113-115 N. Washington Street
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974

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(BM 38)

Easton
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RIVER

Papermill
Pond

EDMUNDSON

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Harrison's Florist

113-115 North Washington Street, Easton

East Facade

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13 x 1.86

52% 23

T-23

115 NORTH WASHINGTON
ST.

EASTON, MD.

East Facade

July 1976

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